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**TO:** ALL IDAHO HOSPITALS AND NURSING FACILITIES

**FROM:** DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief  
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**SUBJECT:** **TENTATIVE INTERIM AMENDMENT (TIA)**  
**ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZERS**  
**CHAPTERS 18 AND 19, LIFE SAFETY CODE, 2000 AND 2003 EDITIONS**

On April 15, 2003 the Standards Council of the National Fire Protection Association issued an amendment to Chapter 18 and 19 of both the 2003 and 2000 Editions of the Life Safety Code. The amendment specifically addresses the placement of alcohol-based hand sanitizers in new and existing health care occupancies.

Although it is a tentative interim amendment (meaning it has not gone through the entire standards making process), it is to be considered effective and part of the Code between editions and will automatically become a proposal for the next edition.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (i.e., CMS) have not provided the State Agency with official notification. The amendment, as issued by NFPA, is however considered part of the Life Safety Code, 2000 Edition.

A copy of the TIA is enclosed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Roger W. Gehrke, Supervisor, Facility Fire Safety & Construction Section of the Bureau of Facility Standards.

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Enclosure

cc: Idaho Hospital Association  
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